

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 19 of the First Extraordinary Session
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend senior University of
Memphis basketball player Heather Phillips.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly has viewed with considerable pleasure
the recent resurgence in the University of Memphis women's basketball program, a resurgence
that has included three straight Conference USA titles; and

WHEREAS, a key factor in the success of the Lady Tigers has been senior guard
Heather Phillips, whose brilliant defensive efforts have put them at the next level; and

WHEREAS, a native of Rogers, Arkansas; she led her high school team to the Benton
County championship and the state tournament. A top student, Heather earned all-conference
honors and made Honorable Mention All-Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, successfully recruited by the University of Memphis, Heather was a
valuable backup at point guard, and saw extended playing time in all but one game during her
freshman season (1995-96); and

WHEREAS, during her improved sophomore year (1996-97), she emerged as a reliable
point guard, playing in all 26 regular season games, with 72 assists and hit an excellent .778 of
her free throws; and

WHEREAS, in her junior year (1997-98), Heather once again played in all 30 games,
started in nine games, ranked eighth in the Conference USA in assists, and recorded 21 steals;
and

WHEREAS, Heather's sizzling senior season (1998-99) included starting all 32 games at guard, helping the Lady Tigers achieve their first national ranking since the 1984-85 season, hitting 41 of 58 charity tosses, 30 steals, and 83 assists; and

WHEREAS, since Heather stepped foot on the Lady Tigers' court, Memphis has recorded four consecutive 20-win seasons, compiled an enviable 86-36 overall record, and has had a 45-10 showing at home in the historic Elma Roane Fieldhouse; and

WHEREAS, Heather is the daughter of very proud parents, Gary and Patricia Phillips; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to express our deep appreciation to Heather Phillips for her exemplary service to the University of Memphis Lady Tigers basketball team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Heather Phillips and wish her well in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.